

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1056
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lieutenant Craig Jones,
Bartlett Fire Department Firefighter of the Year.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure our individual and collective safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition through service as firefighters, and Lieutenant Craig Jones is one such venerable hero; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Jones was recently named Bartlett Fire Department Firefighter of the Year, a most fitting honor in light of his unsurpassed devotion to duty and dedication to his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, born Steven Craig Jones on October 24, 1971, Lt. Jones is the son of Robert and Barbara Jones; and

WHEREAS, while pursuing his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Memphis, Lt. Jones earned his Firefighter I certification in October 1993; he has completed his studies at the University of Memphis, earning his degree on December 17, 1994; and

WHEREAS, beginning his meritorious tenure with the Bartlett Fire Department on June 1, 1996, Lt. Jones has worked diligently to develop his life-saving skills, earning his Firefighter II certification, Emergency Medical Technician certification, Fire Instructor I certification, Fire Officer I certification, and Hazardous Material Technician certification; and

WHEREAS, through his dedication in all his endeavors, Lt. Jones has moved up the ranks and was promoted to Fire Lieutenant in August 2002; and

WHEREAS, always desiring to stay abreast of the latest advances in technology and medicine, Lt. Jones has attended numerous classes in fire science and emergency medical studies; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee enjoy a wonderful quality of life, and we owe much to the brave men and women who bravely fight fires and defend our homes and our workplaces against destruction by fire; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's more than 30,000 firefighters in 670 full-time and volunteer departments who are the first called to save lives and treat the injured during catastrophic events, have too often been taken for granted in the past, and it is with delight that the members of this General Assembly celebrate awards such as the one earned by Lt. Jones; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to this exemplary citizen who has given unselfishly of himself, his time, and his talents to perpetuate the public safety; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Craig Jones has performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism, and his service can only be categorized as outstanding; he deserves proper recognition for heroism both in the Bartlett Fire Department and in society today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Lieutenant Craig Jones of the Bartlett Fire Department for his meritorious service to his community and the state of Tennessee, offer our thanks for a difficult job well done, and join in celebrating his recognition as Bartlett Firefighter of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.